

2019 LOS ANGELES COUNTY JEWISH VOTER SURVEY

TOPLINE RESULTS

Sample: 1,812 Jewish Voters

August 7-September 19, 2019

Margin of Sampling Error: $\pm 2.30\%$

** All numbers are percentages; some percentages may not sum precisely or to 100% due to rounding.*

SECTION I: INTRODUCTION

QA. Before we begin, I need to know if I have reached you on a cell phone, and if so, whether you are driving or doing any activity that requires your full attention.

Cell-----	3
Landline-----	4
Online -----	93

1. How long have you been a resident of Los Angeles County?

Less than a year-----	1
A year or more, but less than 5 years-----	8
5 years or more, but less than 10 years-----	10
10 years or more, but less than 20 years-----	15
20 years or more-----	65
Prefer Not to Say (PNTS)-----	1

Part of this survey focuses on issues related to religious life in Los Angeles. For that reason, I would like to ask you about your background.

2. What is your present religion, if any? [OPEN-END; IF JEWISH/JUDAISM SKIP TO Q5]

[ASK Q3 ONLY IF NOT JEWISH/JUDAISM NOT GIVEN AS RESPONSE IN Q2]

3. Aside from religion, do you consider yourself Jewish, partially Jewish, or not Jewish?

[ASK Q4 ONLY IF NOT JEWISH IN Q3]

4. Did you have a Jewish parent or were you raised Jewish or partially Jewish?

[IF RESPONDENT SAYS, “PARTIALLY JEWISH” OR “RAISED JEWISH AND SOMETHING ELSE” OR “MOTHER OR FATHER WAS PARTIALLY JEWISH”, PROCEED TO Q5; OTHERWISE TERMINATE]

[RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS]

5. What would you say are the most important problems facing the Los Angeles area? **[OPEN-END]**

SECTION II: PERCEPTIONS OF PUBLIC FIGURES AND INSTITUTIONS

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way the following people and organizations are handling their job of serving the public? If you don’t know or haven’t heard enough, you can tell me that too.

[IF APPROVE/DISAPPROVE, ASK: “Is that strongly or just somewhat?”]

	STR. APP.	SMWT. APP.	SMWT. DISAPP.	STR. DISAPP.	NEVER HEARD OF	DON'T KNOW
[RANDOMIZE]						
[]a. President Donald Trump	14	9	5	70	1	1
[]b. Governor Gavin Newsom	19	37	10	22	1	11
[]c. Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti	12	36	18	20	2	12
[]d. The Los Angeles Police Department, also known as LAPD	14	46	21	9	<1	11
[]e. The Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department	10	34	23	13	1	20

SECTION III: PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

7. Thinking about the 2020 Presidential Election, if the election were held today, would you vote to re-elect Donald Trump as president?

Yes ----- 19
 No ----- 74
 DK ----- 5
 PNTS ----- 1

[IF NO IN Q7, ASK Q8]

8. Thinking again about the 2020 Presidential Election, if the election were held today, for whom would you vote if the candidates were **[RANDOMIZE]**:

- ☐ Former Vice President Joe Biden
☐ U.S. Senator Cory Booker
☐ Mayor of South Bend, Indiana Pete Buttigieg
☐ Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julian Castro
☐ U.S. Senator Kamala Harris
☐ U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar
☐ Former U.S. Representative Beto O'Rourke
☐ U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders
☐ U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren

Or some other candidate?

[IF UNDECIDED, ASK: "Would you lean toward one candidate over the others?"]

TOTAL BIDEN----- **15**
 Joe Biden ----- 14
 (Lean Biden) ----- 1

TOTAL BOOKER----- **2**
 Cory Booker ----- 2
 (Lean Booker)----- 0

TOTAL BUTTIGIEG----- **9**
 Pete Buttigieg ----- 9
 (Lean Buttigieg) ----- <1

TOTAL CASTRO----- **<1**
 Julian Castro ----- <1
 (Lean Castro) ----- 0

TOTAL HARRIS	7
Kamala Harris	7
(Lean Harris)	<1
TOTAL KLOBUCHAR	1
Amy Klobuchar	1
(Lean Klobuchar)	<1
TOTAL O'ROURKE	1
Beto O'Rourke	1
(Lean O'Rourke)	<1
TOTAL SANDERS	14
Bernie Sanders	14
(Lean Sanders)	<1
TOTAL WARREN	38
Elizabeth Warren	37
(Lean Warren)	1
TOTAL SOME OTHER CANDIDATE	2
Some other candidate	2
(Lean Some Other Candidate)	<1
Undecided, not leaning toward anyone	6
PNTS	1
I plan to skip this item on the ballot	<1

SECTION IV: MEDIA

[RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS]

9. Which of the following sources do you turn to for news and information about politics and community issues? **[RANDOMIZE RESPONSE OPTIONS; ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

Local, regional, and national newspapers in print and/or online -----	68
Conversations with friends and family -----	56
Articles and information shared on social media -----	53
Radio -----	47
Blogs and websites, in general -----	40
Local television news -----	35
Magazines -----	22
None of the above -----	2
PNTS -----	1

10. Do you follow Jewish-oriented media? **[IF NECESSARY, EXPLAIN:** This would include newspapers, blogs, websites, radio television programming and other media that place a specific focus on perspectives relevant to Jewish audiences.]

Yes -----	31
No -----	67
DK -----	2
PNTS -----	<1

SECTION V: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

11. People are very busy these days and do not have a lot of time. However, during the past five years have you had the opportunity to do any of the following things? If you have not had the time to do any of these things, you can tell me that as well. First, have you ever...

	YES	NO, NEVER	DON'T KNOW	PREFER NOT TO SAY
[RANDOMIZE]				
[]a. Communicated with an elected official -----	59	39	1	1
[]b. Attended a public meeting or hearing of a government agency -----	38	61	<1	1
[]c. Talked to friends or family about an issue involving government -----	96	3	<1	<1

	YES	NO, NEVER	DON'T KNOW	PREFER NOT TO SAY
[]d. Attended a political protest, march, or rally	44	55	<1	1
[]e. Given money to a political campaign or political cause	62	36	1	1
[]f. Volunteered to work in a political campaign or for a political cause	30	68	1	1
[]g. Signed a letter or petition about a social or political issue	77	21	1	1
[]h. Posted a message on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media about a social or political issue	59	39	1	1
[]i. Made a financial donation to any Jewish charity or cause, such as a synagogue, Jewish school, or a Jewish organization?	44	52	2	3
[]j. Attended a PTA meeting or other volunteer group at your child's school	21	76	1	2
[]k. Made a financial donation to a charity or cause that is not specifically identified as Jewish	77	20	2	2

SECTION VI: ATTITUDES TOWARD POLITICAL AND SOCIAL ISSUES

My next questions are about different public policy issues.

[RANDOMIZE Q12-Q16]

12. As you may know, in 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling that same-sex couples can legally marry. Do you agree or disagree with that decision? **[IF AGREE/DISAGREE, ASK: "Is that strongly AGREE/DISAGREE or just somewhat?"]**

TOTAL AGREE -----	89
Strongly agree -----	77
Somewhat agree -----	12
TOTAL DISAGREE -----	8
Somewhat disagree -----	3
Strongly disagree -----	5
DK -----	1
PNTS -----	2

13. [ROTATE STATEMENTS]

[] **SOME/OTHER** people believe that the federal government should give immigrants living in the U.S. without legal authorization a chance to remain here permanently with legal status and eventually become U.S. citizens.

[] **SOME/OTHER** people believe that immigrants living in the U.S. without legal authorization should have to return to their country of origin.

Which view is closer to yours?

Remain here permanently with legal status -----	72
Return to country of origin -----	20
DK -----	5
PNTS -----	3

14. As you may know, a health care law, commonly known as the Affordable Care Act or Obamacare was passed in 2010. In general, do you have a favorable or unfavorable opinion of it? **[IF FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, ASK: "Is that very FAVORABLE/UNFAVORABLE, or just somewhat?"]**

TOTAL FAVORABLE -----71
 Very favorable -----36
 Somewhat favorable-----35

TOTAL UNFAVORABLE-----25
 Somewhat unfavorable ----- 9
 Very unfavorable -----16

DK ----- 4
 PNTS -----<1

15. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view on abortion? **[ROTATE READING TOP TO BOTTOM, AND BOTTOM TO TOP]**

TOTAL LEGAL ALL/MOST OF THE TIME -----86
 Abortion should always be legal-----60
 Abortion should be legal most of the time -----26

TOTAL ILLEGAL WITH/WITHOUT EXCEPTION -----11
 Abortion should be illegal except in cases of rape, incest, and to save the mother's life ----- 8
 Abortion should be made illegal without any exception ----- 3

DK ----- 1
 PNTS ----- 2

16. Are you in favor of or opposed to stricter gun control laws? **[IF IN FAVOR/OPPOSED, ASK: "Is that strongly IN FAVOR/OPPOSED or somewhat?"]**

TOTAL FAVOR -----83
 Strongly favor-----69
 Somewhat favor-----14

TOTAL OPPOSE -----15
 Somewhat opposed----- 6
 Strongly opposed ----- 9

DK ----- 1
 PNTS ----- 1

17. Which of the following statements comes closest to how you feel:
[ROTATE STATEMENTS]

☐ I would rather pay higher taxes and have a government that provides more services;

OR

☐ I would rather pay lower taxes and have a government that provides fewer services.

Pay higher taxes, more government services ----- 60

Pay lower taxes, fewer government services ----- 31

DK ----- 9

PNTS ----- <1

SECTION VII: JEWISH IDENTITY

18. How important is being Jewish in your life—is it very important, somewhat important, not too important, not at all important?

TOTAL IMPORTANT ----- 58

Very important ----- 26

Somewhat important ----- 32

TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT ----- 38

Not too important ----- 24

Not at all important ----- 14

DK ----- 1

PNTS ----- 2

19. Please tell me how important each of the following is to what being Jewish means to you — First **[INSERT ITEM; RANDOMIZED]**, is that essential, OR important but NOT essential, OR not an important part of what BEING JEWISH means to you? **[RANDOMIZE. REPEAT RESPONSE OPTIONS AS NECESSARY; IF RESPONDENT SAYS “IMPORTANT” CLARIFY AS NEEDED THAT THE RESPONDENT DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS ESSENTIAL TO WHAT BEING JEWISH MEANS TO THEM]**

	ESSENTIAL	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	DK	PNTS
[]a. Caring about Israel	36	33	25	3	3
[]b. Remembering the Holocaust	76	19	2	2	1
[]c. Celebrating Jewish holidays	25	43	27	2	2
[]d. Working for justice and equality in society	67	20	7	3	3

20. Some people view Jews primarily as a group defined by religion, others define Jews as an ethnic or cultural group. Which comes closer to your view? **[IF BOTH, ASK IF THEY WOULD SAY BOTH EQUALLY OR ONE SLIGHTLY MORE THAN THE OTHER]**

Defined by religion -----	25
Defined as an ethnic or cultural group-----	63
Both equally -----	8
DK -----	<1
PNTS -----	<1

21. Are you, or is anyone in your household, currently a member of a synagogue or temple? **[IF YES, ASK: "Is that you, another member of your household, or both?"]**

Yes, self only -----	6
Yes, household member only -----	6
Yes, both self and household member -----	15
No -----	69
DK -----	5
PNTS -----	<1

22. Thinking about Jewish religious denominations or movements, do you consider yourself to be **[RANDOMIZE FIRST THREE:]** ☐ Reform, ☐ Conservative, ☐ Orthodox, something else, or do you not identify with a specific denomination?

Reform -----	38
Conservative-----	14
Orthodox -----	[ASK Q23] ---3
No specific denomination -----	31
Something else [Please specify:_____] -----	4
Reconstructionist -----	1
Chabad -----	<1
Just Jewish -----	<1
Not Jewish Religiously/Secular Jew -----	8
DK -----	<1
PNTS -----	<1

[ASK ONLY IF CODE 3, "ORTHODOX," IN Q22; OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q24]

23. Do you consider yourself to be **[RANDOMIZE FIRST THREE:]** [] Modern Orthodox [], Hasidic [], or Yeshivish, or some other type of Orthodox?

Modern Orthodox-----	35
Hasidic -----	20
Yeshivish-----	22
Other-----	12
PNTS -----	11

[RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS]

24. Do you think that anti-Semitism is currently an extremely serious problem, a very serious problem, a somewhat serious problem, not too serious of a problem, or not a problem at all?

TOTAL SERIOUS PROBLEM -----	75
Extremely serious -----	41
Very serious-----	34
 Somewhat serious -----	 18
 TOTAL NOT SERIOUS PROBLEM -----	 5
Not too serious-----	4
Not at all serious -----	1
 DK-----	 1
PNTS-----	1

[IF CODES 1-3 IN Q24, ASK Q25, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q26]

25. Can you provide me with an example of anti-Semitism that you are concerned about?
[OPEN-END]

SECTION VIII: ATTITUDES TOWARD ISRAEL

Now, I would like to ask you a few questions about Israel.

26. How important is it to you that Israel exist as a Jewish state—very important, somewhat important, not very important, not at all important?

TOTAL IMPORTANT	73
Very important	56
Somewhat important	17
TOTAL NOT IMPORTANT	21
Not very important	10
Not at all important	11
DK	5
PNTS	2

27. Which of the following statements best describes your opinion about Israel—are you...?
[ROTATE READING TOP TO BOTTOM, AND BOTTOM TO TOP]

<input type="checkbox"/> Generally pro-Israel and supportive of the current government's policies	19
<input type="checkbox"/> Generally pro-Israel, but also critical of <u>some</u> of the current government's policies	31
<input type="checkbox"/> Generally pro-Israel but also critical of <u>many</u> of the current government's policies	36
OR	
<input type="checkbox"/> Generally not pro-Israel	13
DK	1
PNTS	0

SECTION IX: DEMOGRAPHICS

28. Were you born in California, or some other part of the United States, or some other country?
[IF SOME OTHER COUNTRY, PLEASE SPECIFY]

California	48
Other part of the United States	39
Russia/Former Soviet Union	<1
Iran	<1
Israel	<1
Other	12
DK	<1
PNTS	<1

29. Were both your parents born in the United States? **[IF NO, ASK: “Were either of your parents born in Iran, Israel, Russia or the Former Soviet Union, or somewhere else?”] [IF SOME OTHER COUNTRY, PLEASE SPECIFY]**

Both parents born in the United States -----	72
Iran-----	2
Israel -----	2
Russia/Former Soviet Union -----	6
Somewhere else-----	17
DK -----	<1
PNTS -----	<1

30. Thinking about your parents, which, if either, were Jewish—your mother, your father, both your mother and father, or neither your mother nor your father?

Mother-----	18
Father-----	14
Both mother and father -----	56
Neither mother nor father-----	12
DK -----	<1
PNTS -----	<1

31. Do you have any children under the age of 18 living at home?

Yes -----	20
No -----	79
PNTS -----	1

[IF “YES” IN Q31, ASK Q32 AND 33; OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q34]

32. How many children under the age of 18 live in your household? **[RECORD NUMBER]**

[IF “YES”IN Q31, ASK Q33, OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q34]

33. What type of school did your **[CHILD/CHILDREN]** attend this past year? **[ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES]**

Public school -----	54
Secular private school-----	13
Jewish Day School or Yeshiva -----	9
Catholic parochial school-----	3
Some other type of school-----	5
Other Christian parochial school -----	0
Homeschooled -----	2
Children are not of school age -----	16
DK -----	0
PNTS -----	3

[RESUME ASKING ALL RESPONDENTS]

34. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, or something else? **[IF DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN, ASK: “Would you call yourself a strong DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN, or not a strong DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN?”]**

[IF ‘SOMETHING ELSE’ OR IF “INDEPENDENT” IS VOLUNTEERED, ASK: “In general, do you consider yourself to be closer to the Democratic Party or Republican Party?”]

TOTAL DEMOCRAT -----	54
Strong Democrat-----	40
Not a strong Democrat-----	14
 TOTAL INDEPENDENT/MINOR PARTY -----	 30
Lean Democrat-----	14
Independent/Neither Democrat nor Republican-----	7
Lean Republican -----	9
 TOTAL REPUBLICAN -----	 13
Strong Republican-----	6
Not a strong Republican -----	7
 DK -----	 1
PNTS -----	<1

35. Thinking in political terms, would you consider yourself to be liberal, moderate, or conservative? [IF LIBERAL OR CONSERVATIVE, ASK: "is that very or just somewhat?"]

TOTAL LIBERAL-----	57
Very liberal -----	38
Somewhat liberal -----	19
 Moderate -----	 20
 TOTAL CONSERVATIVE-----	 18
Somewhat conservative-----	12
Very conservative -----	6
 DK -----	 2
PNTS -----	3

36. How often do you attend religious services?

Never -----	27
Almost never -----	19
About once a year-----	15
About once every few months -----	18
About once a month -----	4
Several times a month-----	4
About once a week -----	6
More often than once a week -----	3
DK -----	<1
PNTS -----	4

37. What is the last grade you completed in school or your highest level of education?

TOTAL HIGH SCHOOL OR LOWER	3
Some grade school (1-8)	<1
Some high school (9-11)	<1
High school graduate	3
TOTAL SOME COLLEGE/TECHNICAL EDUCATION	17
Technical/vocational school	1
Some college or community college	16
TOTAL BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER	77
4-year college degree (Bachelor's)	31
Some post graduate work	9
Post-graduate degree (Masters, MBA, JD, MD, PhD)	37
DK	<1
PNTS	1

38. Do you currently own the home or apartment where you live, do you rent, do you live with family, or do you not have stable housing?

Own	48
Rent	40
Live with family	7
Don't have stable housing	1
[DON'T READ] PNTS	3

39. What ethno-racial group or groups best describe you **[READ ONLY IF NECESSARY]** For example, do you consider yourself White, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Asian or Asian American, Native American, Middle Eastern, or something else? **[ACCEPT MULTIPLE RESPONSES; IF MIXED RACE/BIRACIAL/MULTIRACIAL, SAY, "Which groups do you include as a part of your background?"]**

White	83
Black or African American	1
Hispanic or Latino	6
Asian or Asian American/Pacific Islander	<1
Native American	1
Middle Eastern	5
Something else	1
Mixed Race/Bi-racial/Multiracial	2
Just Jewish/Jewish American	1
DK	<1
PNTS	<1

40. In 2018, was the total income for your household before taxes \$50,000 or less or over \$50,000?

\$50,000 or less -----	15
Over \$50,000 -----	71
DK -----	2
PNTS -----	12

[ASK Q41 ONLY IF CODE 1 IN Q40; OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q43]

41. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household, before taxes, in 2018?

Less than \$20,000 -----	28
More than \$20,000 but less than \$30,000 -----	17
More than \$30,000 but less than \$40,000 -----	16
More than \$40,000 but less than \$50,000 -----	16
About \$50,000 -----	9
DK -----	3
PNTS -----	11

[ASK Q42 ONLY IF CODE 2 IN Q40; OTHERWISE SKIP TO Q43]

42. I don't need to know the exact amount, but please stop me when I read the category that includes the total income for your household, before taxes, in 2018?

Less than \$75,000 -----	9
More than \$75,000 but less than \$100,000 -----	18
More than \$100,000 but less than \$125,000 -----	12
More than \$125,000 but less than \$150,000 -----	8
More than \$150,000 but less than \$200,000 -----	13
More than \$200,000 but less than \$250,000 -----	9
More than \$250,000 -----	18
DK -----	1
PNTS -----	10

43. In what year were you born?

(2001-1995) 18-24 -----	9
(1994-1990) 25-29 -----	8
(1989-1985) 30-34 -----	9
(1984-1980) 35-39 -----	7
(1979-1975) 40-44 -----	7
(1974-1970) 45-49 -----	6
(1969-1965) 50-54 -----	9
(1964-1960) 55-59 -----	8
(1959-1955) 60-64 -----	9
(1954-1950) 65-69 -----	9
(1949-1945) 70-74 -----	8
(1944 or earlier) 75+ -----	9
PNTS -----	3

My final questions are about gender and identity, which can be sensitive. If you prefer not to answer, please just let me know.

44. What is your gender?

Female -----	46
Male -----	52
Non-binary -----	1
PNTS -----	1

45. Do you identify as transgender?

Yes -----	1
No -----	98
DK -----	1
PNTS -----	<1

46. Do you identify as heterosexual/straight, lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer or questioning?

Heterosexual/straight -----	82
Lesbian/gay -----	6
Bisexual -----	5
Queer or questioning -----	1
Other -----	2
PNTS -----	3

VOTER FILE INFORMATION**PARTY REGISTRATION**

Democrat ----- 58
Republican----- 16
No Party Preference----- 17
Other -----7

AREA

West Hollywood/Urban High Density -----7
Beverly Hills -----4
Valley Hills----- 13
Conejo-----4
Westside ----- 17
Los Angeles/Low Density----- 15
San Fernando Valley Flats ----- 20
Long Beach/South Bay -----9
Other ----- 12